

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory Bradley on May 22, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 72-81

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The subject matter of the independent claims could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The subject matter not found was a method of delivering fluid to multiple patients that uses a specific system of disposable and reusable portions that are connected to a first and second fluid source that is attached to a helical vane mixer or a static mixer to create a specific mixture for each patient and wherein the method is used to delivery fluid to two patients.

The helical vane mixer or static mixer provides an extra advantage that was not disclosed in the prior art because these mixers are designed to mix fluid with very different viscosities and varying dilution ratios and thus provide an added benefit over the other types of mixing elements or Y-shaped adapter.

The independent claims also include other patentable subject matter in combination with the other elements or steps of the claim not mention in the above paragraph.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW F. DESANTO whose telephone number is (571)272-4957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick LUCCHESI can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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